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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT

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LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH APPARENTLY HAS ASKED SYRIA'S

PRESIDENT ASAD THAT HE BE INVITED TO DAMASCUS TO MEET WITH

PRESIDENT NIXON THIS WEEKEND. ASAD ██████████████████████   25X1C

████████ HAS AVOIDED A DEFINITE REPLY.

FRANJIYAH IS GENERALLY REALISTIC ABOUT LEBANON'S LIMITED

ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF

BEING OFFENDED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT VISITING BEIRUT. HE

NONETHELESS IS HOPING FOR THIS BRIEF MEETING OUTSIDE LEBANON IN

ORDER TO ENHANCE HIS OWN PRESTIGE AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE

IS DEFENDING LEBANON'S INTERESTS AS TALKS TOWARD A MORE COM-

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SUBJECTS THAT FRANJIYAH REPORTEDLY IS MOST EAGER TO DISCUSS
WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDE:

--LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY;

--THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON IN THE FUTURE;

--ISRAELI RETALIATORY RAIDS INTO SOUTH LEBANON; AND

--ASSURANCES THAT LEBANON WILL BE INVITED TO THE LAST PHASE
OF THE GENEVA PEACE TALKS AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEGOTIATING
CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST PALESTINE ISSUES.   6-2 IMPDET.

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